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## NELSON STUDENT WINS $60,000 WORLD COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

NELSON – Kristina Mansveld from Nelson is among seven of B.C.'s highest-achieving secondary school students that will continue their education this fall at United World Colleges in the United States, Italy, Hong Kong and Victoria, Advanced Education Minister Murray Coell announced today.

The United World College scholarships, worth $60,000 each, are awarded every year to seven students finishing Grade 11. The two-year program leads to an international baccalaureate, which is accepted by major international universities as equivalent to the final year of secondary school and the first year of university.

"Giving our students opportunities to study in an international environment will help them gain experience that will contribute to B.C.'s future competitiveness and productivity," Advanced Education Minister Murray Coell said. "The knowledge, understanding and strong relationships which Kristina and the other winners gain will link our province to countries around the world."

Mansveld finished Grade 11 at L.V. Rogers secondary school and will attend the United World College of the Adriatic in Italy. She speaks French and Spanish and won gold and silver medals in bobsleigh at the 2006 B.C. Winter Games and the 2003 Francophone Games. Mansveld also raises money for war-affected children around the world and has studied poverty issues in South America. Her future plans include a career in international affairs.

Other scholarship winners include: Nessa Kenny, Rebecca Walker, and Jeffrey Tanaka from Victoria; Graham Reeder from Vancouver; Carter West from Langley; and Anjali Appadurai, from Coquitlam.

"I congratulate all of this year's winners on their achievements and for their commitment to helping raise awareness of international issues that affect us all," said Coell. "Our government is proud to give them the support they need to achieve their goals."

To be chosen for a UWC scholarship, students must have a high academic standing, a record of generous community service, and genuine enthusiasm for international communication and co-operation. Applications are judged by a committee of representatives from the ministries of Advanced Education and Education, as well as United World College graduates.

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